

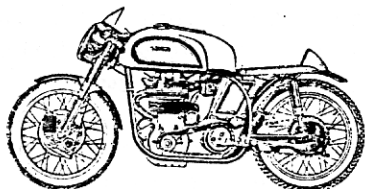


NORTON
NOTICE

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Notify SF NOC of address changes as soon as possible and allow at least two weeks for such changes.

If anyone hasn't noticed yet, the newsletter has taken a new form in hopes to stimulate member participation and distribute information concerning activities, meetings, rides, etc., and technical information to help keep our Nortons on the road longer and safer.

A few words about Club finances: The recent dues increase brought about some grumbles from members and rightly so. Current exchange rate is about \$1.90 per pound and with England dues at £7 per year, we are left with about \$2 a member per year to run the club. This must include mailing costs of newsletters and Roadholder Magazine, so our finances are slim. No club dues have been used for this newsletter but, rather, a small grant has been obtained to see if this type of newsletter is feasible.

Any suggestions are greatly appreciated!

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Ah yes! Good old democracy comes through for us once again. Although the response to the recent questionnaire sent to all members has been somewhat disappointing, some general agreement is clear.

Most responses favored public meeting places like Edinburgh Castle located around the Bay Area with many fewer responses for wanting meetings in people's homes. This seems to be evident also in both types of meetings. In general, permanent locations will be found around the Bay to accomodate as many members as possible and locations will rotate on a regular basis. Anyone wanting to have a meeting in their home, are welcomed to let us know.

Everyone, it seems wants to have rides earlier. Although it will be hard to please the day-break enthusiast who are generally home by brunch, rides will begin one hour earlier beginning in April--that is, 10:00, Folks!

For those who said they avoid club rides due to traffic during the late morning--we have rarely had this problem. Rides are planned to avoid autos and are usually winding enough for anyone wanting to test his machine to its limits.

SURPRISING MARCH MEETING

Those of you who attended the March meeting at the British Bankers Club in Menlo Park seemed to like the location. With an approximate count of 25 people, this is one of the larger meetings in recent memory. We were somewhat cramped due to the small room, everyone seemed to be able to consume several drinks each, and no one was able to fall down. We will plan to have future meetings at the B.B.C. and will be sure to reserve both back rooms.

A special thanks to Phil Lang and Bob Stiglitz who rode their Nortons from Vallejo and gave their views on last year's Beer Bust. This will help in organizing this year's event and help hold down the mistakes. By the way, the club's president has promised you both dinner the next time the meeting is at the B.B.C. and you bring your Nortons!

APRIL MEETING

Since a few people suggested it in the questionnaire, the April 13 meeting will be held at Abbey Tavern, 4100 Geary Blvd. San Francisco, 7:30. This is further west than our usual meeting place and there should be more readily available parking.

APRIL RIDE

Sunday, April 16, we will meet at the toll booth plaza of the San Francisco/Oakland Bridge for a ride north into wine country. For those who live in the Vallejo area, we will be taking the Highway 29 route into Napa, so you can catch the group there without having to meet us on the Bridge.

Remember, we will be meeting at 10:00 and will leave no later than 10:30.

NORTON BEER BUST SET FOR MAY - La Honda's Playbowl

The second annual Norton Beer Bust is scheduled for May 14, La Honda, Ca. Tentative plans were discussed casually (very casually) at the March meeting and more or less approved. Map and complete details next month!

There will be plenty of beer, a charcoal pit for those who wish to cook burgers or steaks (there is an excellent market nearby that sells fantastic meats), soft drinks, and some munchies to wash down the beer.

Some fine entertainment is also planned in the form of tugs-of-war, Wellie tosses, and maybe an egg toss or two.

It is hoped that all members who have older Nortons will get them dusted off and get them to the Beer Bust. A special prize is being awarded to the pre-Commando Norton that is ridden the furthest to the Bust.

If your older Norton is not roadworthy, yet, let us know and we'll see about getting it transported to the sight. **WE WANT AS MANY EARLY NORTONS ON DISPLAY AS POSSIBLE.** Older Nortons will be highlighted in a central parking area for all to see but not necessarily to touch.

So spread the word to as many Norton owners as you can and get them to the Beer Bust. Notices will be circulated in the next few weeks to Norton shops and will be available to members who wish to pass them around.

WANTED--RIDERS TO VISALIA

Anyone wishing to ride as representatives of the Norton Owners Club to the Antique Motorcycle Show, meet at 9:00am Saturday, April 29 in San Jose, Hwy 101 and 1st Street. No particular arrangements have been made for camping or motel accommodations, but we would enjoy the company of any Nortons who are heading that way.

TRADING POST

WANTED

1. 1975 Norton swing arm, rear wheel, disc & brake assy-good cond. for installing on '74 850. Carl Castle (408) 252-5334
2. Commando 750 Production Racer--any condition! Gary Broeder (415) 968-5584 evenings.
3. Commando Interstate in good condition. Bob Bausch (415) 752-6400
4. Unserviceable 850 clutch plates (object: clutch hub lock tools). Gene Austin, (415) 573-9559 afternoons or early eves.
5. Complete Commando disc-type front wheel and caliper. Mark Mangiardi (415) 886-9768 early evenings.
6. Early model (1934-45) Sturmev-Archer 4-speed gearbox as used by Norton and late model ES-2 parts. Tom Slappendel (415) 326-3077 days.

THE MARCH RIDE to the top of Mt. Hamilton was enjoyed by five Commandos and Lloyd Pentecost's beautiful '62 Atlas which led the way most of the time. It performed beautifully until his clutch cable broke just inside Livermore. Lloyd was able to get home with some easy shifting, but just after he left the group, Steve Coburn's throttle cable broke and he had to limp back to La Honda (50 miles or more) pulling the damn thing by hand. "If there's a lesson to be learned from this", Steve suggests, "it's that we should all sacrifice a few counces and carry a set of spare cables".

FUTURE EVENTS

Look for a Saturday ride in June that will take the rural route to the Sacramento area.

East Bay Members, take heart, the May meeting will take place at a location convenient to most who live in that area.

Anyone who would like to organize a ride or can suggest a location in your area other members might enjoy, please feel free to send your ideas to the Club Secretary, Steve Coburn.

FOR SALE

1. 1974 John Player Norton, 3000 mi., fast and clean, \$2000.
1956 Norton MOD 40 International (350cc), good runner or restore. \$1800
1956 ARIEL 650 Twin "HUNTMASTER", orig., runs good, needs detailing, \$1200.
Boyer Ignition for 850 Norton. New in box, 1 only. \$55
Wixom handlebar-mount fairing for 850 Norton. Black with gold striping, like new. \$50.
All above--call Carl Castle (408) 252-5334 After 6:00.
2. Complete Interstate for sale as parts. Biff Arthur (415) 752-9955
3. 1971 750 Roadster, needs some work--\$850/offer. John Andrews (415) 948-8018
4. Dunstall cafe dual seat, blk, like new. \$75. Biff Arthur (415) 752-9955
5. Dominator, Atlas and P-11 parts. Commando 750 engine parts & frame. Sell or trade. More info. or Tech advise, call Gary Broeder (415) 968-5584 eves.
6. Ariel 650 engine, tank oil bag & battery box; slime featherbed frame; 2 matchless frames; 3 Dominator engines; Dominator and Atlas parts. Sell or trade. Phil Lang (707) 643-6837.
7. Complete '71 Commando brake front end; \$75. Mark Mangiardi (415) 886-9768.
8. Windjammer-type frame-mount fairing, blk, new! From J. C. Whitney for 850 will fit 750 with slight modification. Asking \$150. Steve Coburn (415) 497-6601 days, (415) 747-0326 eves.
8. 1974 Roadster, one owner, 12K miles, \$1000. Don Wright (707) 542-4725.
9. 1959 (?) D-88 500 twin--\$500/offer, 1965 Atlas 750--\$800/offer. Many D-88 and Atlas parts and others. Paul Sylvestri (415) 726-9771
10. 1970 Commando with extras--\$1000. Call Charles Tsegeletos (415) 473-1253